(a) whether the safety norms have been flouted in setting up of the two LPG bottling plants in Bangalore;

(b) whether the detailed project reports for setting up of these two bottling plants were prepared and approved only after the commissioning of the plants in 1982; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to provide safety norms in these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) While the Detailed Project Report of Indian Oil Corporation's bottling plant at Bangalore was prepared before commissioning of the plant, the same was approved after commissioning of the plant. However, in case of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation's bottling plant, the Detailed Project Report was prepared and approved before commissioning of the plant.

(c) All safety norms as per mandatory requirements and as laid down in the Indian Explosives Act have been complied with and are being followed. All international safety standards have also been regidly observed.

Delay in LPG supply by M/s. Arjun Enterprises, Munirka, New Delhi

1492. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG refills are generally supplied very late by M/s. Arjun Enterprises, Munirka, New Delhi and the consumers have to wait for quite some time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of complaints received against the above distributor on this count since January, 1988 till date;

(d) what action has been taken on such complaints;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation management instead of taking any action against the distributor advises the consumers to change the distributorship; and

(f) if so, what effective steps Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) During the period from January, 1988 to 1st July, 1989 six complaints regarding delay in refill supplies were received against this distributorship.

(d) to (f) All complaints against the distributorship have been investigated in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the distributor has been suitably cautioned to improve the working of the distributorship. Under the delinking scheme, the request of one customer for change of distributorship has been agreed to.

Production of basic building blocks

1493. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has called for the creation of additional new capacitits for production of basic building blocks like ethylene, propylene etc., to meet the growing demand for petrochemicals;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the capacities of the basic building blocks in the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

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